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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Boitano DATE TYPED 02/11/05 HB _____

SHORT TITLE No Scholarships for Remedial Courses SB 707

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
			Indeterminate due to lack of data on underlying eligibles	Recurring	Lottery Tuition Scholarship Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to various student financial aid bills

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files
New Mexico Lottery Authority

No Response Received From Commission on Higher Education

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 707 would exclude students at four-year public post-secondary institutions from receiving lottery tuition scholarships during a semester in which they enroll in at least one remedial course. As well, students at two-year community colleges would not be eligible for lottery tuition scholarships for semesters during which they take two or more remedial courses.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Given no data on the underlying base of students meeting the criteria specified in this bill, the fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminant at this time.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

Does the term remedial course need to be defined in each section of statute?

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. How many impacted students currently attend four-year and two-year public, post-secondary institutions?
2. Would student behavior with respect to enrolling in remedial courses change as a result of this legislation?
3. What are the potential advantages and disadvantages of this proposal?
4. What are the implications for the educational pipeline?

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